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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Stephen D. Pacetti et al.

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Art Unit: 1734

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Title: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A STENT AND A METHOD OF  
USING THE MADREL TO COAT A STENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004, which had a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on December 7, 2004. Amendments to claims are based discussions during a telephone interview between the undersigned attorney and the Examiner on December 6, 2004.

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